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SUBJECT: N' DAW VISIT TO US

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1. MALIAN MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ROBERT N' DAW TOLD AMBASSADOR APRIL 18 THAT HE PLANS TO VISIT US (WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK) IN SECOND HALF OF MAY, AFTER HE HAS VISITED PARIS, BONN, STOCKHOLM, COPENHAGEN, OSLO AND BRUSSELS FOR TALKS WITH GOVERNMENTS AND EEC. EXACT DATE VISIT TO WASHINGTON WOULD DEPEND ON " WHEN PRESIDENT, SECRETARY OF STATE, OR MEN THEY DELEGATE COULD RECEIVE ME". HE ANXIOUS TO SEE AID ADMINISTRATOR DR. HANNAH, DR. ADAMS, ASSISTANT SECRETARY NEWSOM AND PERHAPS EXPORT- IMPORT BANK REPRESENTATIVES. HE WILL ALSO SEE IBRD AND UNDP IN SEARCH OF FUNDS.

2. N' DAW SAID HIS PRINCIPAL PURPOSE WILL BE TO SOLICIT

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LOAN FOR ENGINEERING STUDIES AND FOR LATER CONSTRUCTION OF TWO KEY OMVS SENEGAL RIVER PROJECTS: PORT FACILITIES AT ST. LOUIS FOR TRANSSHIPMENT FROM OCEAN- GOING FREIGHTERS TO RIVER BOATS (6 BILLION CFA EQUALS \$26.6 MILLION) AND SENEGAL RIVER DAM (10 BILLION CFA EQUALS \$44.4 MILLION) AND LOCKS AT RIVER MOUTH NEAR SAINT LOUIS. N' DAW SAID OMVS STILL COUNTING ON PRC BUILDING \$125 MILLION MANATALI DAM (" WE' VE NOT BE DISCOURAGED BY CHINESE ALTHOUGH THEY HAVEN' T PROMISED THEY WOULD BUILD THIS DAM"). NOTE: PRESIDENT TRAORE PROBABLY GOING TO PEKING LATER THIS YEAR, AND THIS WILL BE MAJOR SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION THERE.

3. N' DAW SAID HE WOULD ALSO RAISE QUESTION OF US FINANCING FOR DRILLING NEW WELLS AND REHABILITATION OLD WELLS IN MALI, MAURITANIA AND SENEGAL. HE SAID THIS PROJECT SUBMITTED BY OMVS SECRETARY GENERAL OULD AMAR IN JANUARY TO RDO/ DAKAR AND HAD HEARD NOTHING YET.

4. COMMENT: BELIEVE PRESIDENT NIXON NEED NOT SEE N' DAW, EVEN THOUGH HE COMING AS DELEGATED ENVOY OF MALIAN, MAURITANIAN AND SENEGALESE PRESIDENTS. HOWEVER, IF LATE MAY DATE COULD BE ARRANGED WHEN SECRETARY ROGERS COULD RECEIVE N' DAW, I RECOMMEND SHORT COURTESY CALL BE ARRANGED. AS EX- SECRETARY GENERAL OERS (OMVS PREDECESSOR), HE IS KEY MAN IN WEST AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT. HE DOESN' T EXPECT TO DISCUSS LOAN EXCEPT IN VERY GENERAL WAY WITH SECRETARY ROGERS BUT HE DOES WISH TO PRESENT GREETINGS OF THREE CHIEFS OF STATE.
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